

Ukraine

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Subject:	Ukraine: Information on whether a person born and raised in Ukraine, who was outside the country at the time of Ukraine's declaration of independence, would be eligible for Ukrainian citizenship.
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Query:

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Response:

The most recent Law on Citizenship was passed by the Ukrainian Supreme Council on April 16, 1997 and came into effect on May 20, 1997. This law waives the five-year permanent residency requirement for those individuals who were born in Ukraine, or can prove that a parent or grandparent was born in Ukraine, and have expressed a desire to become citizens of Ukraine (Unian 17 April 1997). Emigrants, provided that they are not citizens of another state, are eligible for citizenship if they file an application by December 31, 1999. Those who do not apply by the deadline would have to follow naturalization procedures to acquire citizenship (Uryadovyy Kuryer 3 March 1997). This was confirmed by a spokesperson of the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, DC (1 July 1998).

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the RIC within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum.

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